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Reply to Attn of: OWW-130

Mr. Tom Parker, President and CEO U.S. Silver – Idaho, Inc. Coeur & Glaena Mines and Mills P.O. Box 440 Wallace, Idaho 83873

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Re:

U.S. Silver Corporation, Coeur and Galena Mines and Mills NPDES [ID0000027] will expire on June 30,

2012, application for renewal due date is December 30, 2011.

Dear Mr. Parker

This letter serves as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) notification that the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit referenced above will expire on June 30, 2012. To continue discharges regulated by this permit after the expiration date, you must reapply for a NPDES permit in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.21(d). To renew your NPDES permit and ensure continuous permit coverage, you must submit to EPA a new and complete application for a NPDES permit postmarked at least 180 days before the expiration date of the current permit, or by 12/30/11.

If you need additional time to submit your new permit application, you may request permission to submit the application at a later date. EPA Region 10 may grant permission to postmark the application after December 30 2011, but permission will not be granted for submission after June 30, 2011, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.21(d). To request such an extension, please send your request to John Abbotts, U.S. EPA R10, 1200 6th Ave Suite 900, OWW – 130, Seattle, WA 98101. Alternatively, you may call John Abbotts and request an extension at 206-553-8530.

Failure to submit a timely and complete application for renewal will result in your permit not being continued in force, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.6(a).

Application Forms for renewal are accessible on EPA's NPDES Permits Unit website at http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/Permit+applications. Please send completed application to:

US EPA Region 10 Attn: NPDES Permits Units, OWW-130 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101-3140

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please call me at (206) 553-0523.

Sincerely,

Audrey Washington, Permit Clerk

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NPDES Permits Unit

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